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MEMORANDUM FOR THE GENERAL COUNSEL

SUBJECT: Library of Congress request re declassification of certain OSS documents

1. At approximately 3:45 p.m., this date, I received a telephone call from a Miss Banks of the Library of Congress (presumably of the Microfilm Division), requesting information re declassification and release for accessioning of certain OSS documents.

2. Miss Banks stated that a microfilm box had been turned over to the Library of Congress in 1944 by OSS. On the front of the box had been pasted a white label which reads: [REDACTED] 25X1A
[REDACTED] R&A, OSS, Washington, Personal and Confidential. Microfilm of Chinese Government Documents (Minutes of Economic Committee Meetings). To be sealed for five years from the end of the war. [REDACTED] The box was opened at the expiration of the time limit imposed. It contains a positive and a negative of microfilm, all in Chinese, with the exception of a title page in English which reads: "To be held for five years from the end of the war." Title in Chinese: "National Government of China, Executive Yuan. Minutes of meetings of economic committees, 1 - 58th meetings, incomplete agenda. [REDACTED] Chang-king, December 1940-April 1942."

3. Miss Banks stated further that because of the restriction and the "personal and confidential" note on the box, the Library had then classified the documents as secret, not to be used without permission of the Librarian. It is not clear to me whether in fact the documents have been seen by anyone other than the Library's employees, but I think not from my conversation with Miss Banks.

4. The question at issue now is whether the Library may declassify these documents and allow them to be used without restriction, and if so, what authority for such action is proper.

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25X1A

5. I believe that this call came to me because of my association with [REDACTED] during the war. I do not recall any specific circumstances in connection with these films.

6. Miss Banks has been told that inquiries will be made and she will be contacted as soon as possible in regard to this matter.

25X1A

[REDACTED]

[Above problem ^{was} probably referred eventually to 25X1A
CIA's OSS Archives Section, I would guess. — [REDACTED]

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Remember that hist problem about
title to OSS records, which you and
worked on briefly once last winter:

Here is another small bit of evidence
on one part of the records, which
it happened on to, in the ONE records,
a few days ago, ~~and~~

I asked Carol to make this copy for
our files. It could be filed, along
with the brief study we made, under
the heading "OSS ... Records."

MPC
25 Sept 55

noted by G.S.

Carol: Please file

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MEMORANDUM OF CALL

Date

Time

TO—

☐ YOU WERE CALLED BY—

☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY—

TELEPHONE:

Number or code

Extension

☐ PLEASE CALL

☐ WAITING TO SEE YOU

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN

☒ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

☐ RETURNING YOUR CALL

LEFT THIS MESSAGE: *

Received by—

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